

A note from

DIRECTOR FITCH

Summer is here, and we are off to a mowing start! I'm excited to share that our small but mighty grounds team has extra hands this year.

We are fortunate for the six seasonals that were hired to help with the maintenance of the 180-plus acre cemetery.

Working outside in the various elements is not an easy job. I respect and appreciate our dedicated grounds crew for showing up regardless of the weather. Their work often goes unrecognized, and I attest that our cemetery crew, is one of the hardest-working teams in the city! Thank you for continuing to serve our community with passion and pride.

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- Technology updates



Photo credit: L. Fitch

After waiting almost a year, we received our John Deere Pro Gator! (see pic above) It is a mini dump truck. This heavy duty equipment keeps our small grounds crew efficient, has four wheel drive, fits perfectly in between the narrow lot rows, has wide turf tires that reduce damage to the ground, and it hauls up to 4000 pounds! We are thrilled to have this piece of equipment.

Lashonda Fitch, executive director

Around Oak Ridge

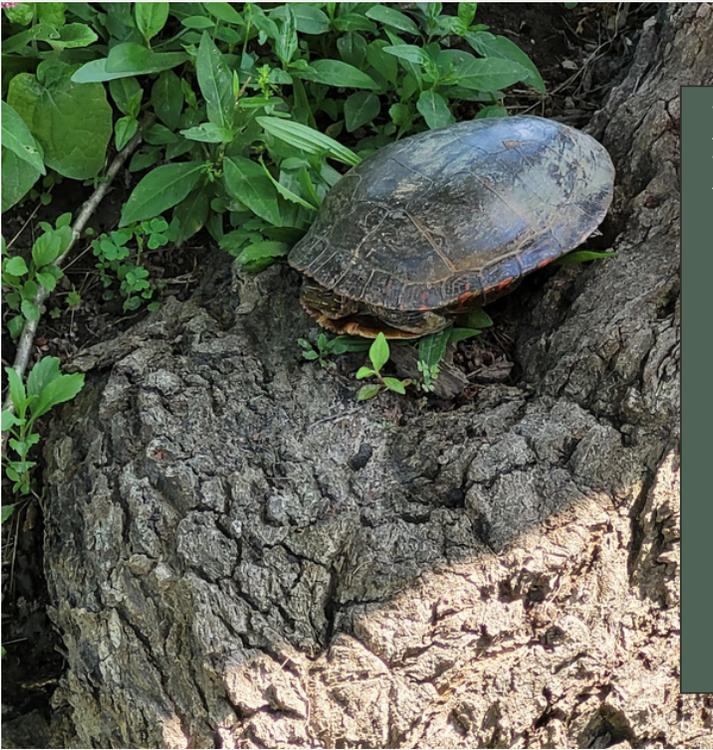


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RESIDENT OF THE MONTH

Oak Ridge is more than a cemetery. It is home to many different species of wild life.

We found this guy (a red painted turtle) out taking a break and enjoying some much needed shade.

GRAVESITE CLEAN UP JULY 15-30

Oak Ridge requires all gravesite decorations to be removed from the graves, in the Chapel Mausoleum, and along the walls of our Columbiams during this two week period. Any decorations placed during this time will be discarded. Decorations can return to the gravesite on July 31.

A reminder that shepherds hooks are not allowed in the flush memorial areas.

Thank you for your cooperation.

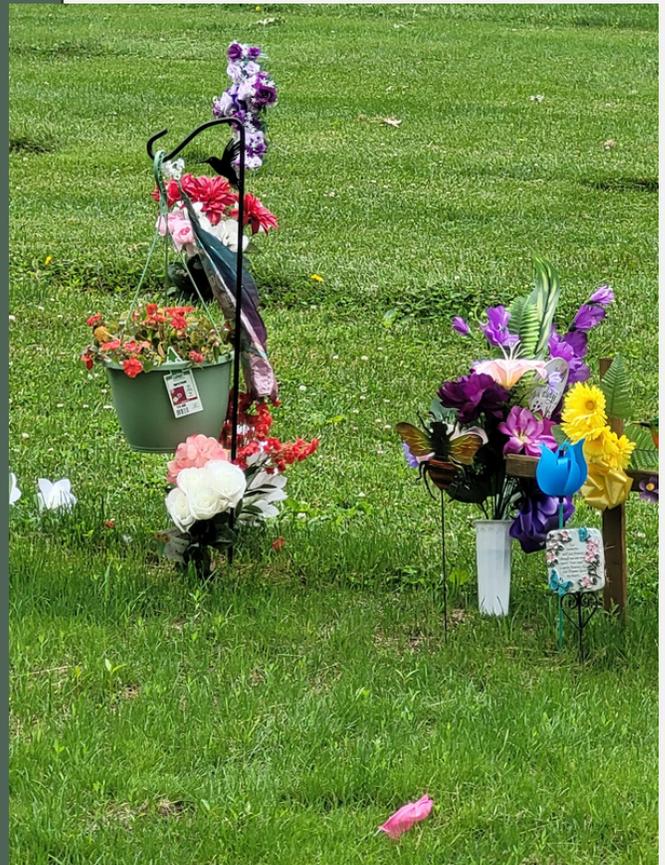


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Add us to your calendar



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HISTORY COMES ALIVE

Oak Ridge partners with the African American History Museum (AAHM)

Join Director Fitch and Pat Davis at 1:30pm on Saturday, July 9 at the AAHM (1440 Monument Ave.) to learn more about the establishment of Oak Ridge and how it has become the second largest cemetery in the state of Illinois.

Pat Davis will share stories of some of the distinguished African Americans who are interred in Block 5A.

A WALK THROUGH OAK RIDGE

TUESDAY, JULY 19 FROM 6 P.M.-7 P.M.

Join Historian Curtis Mann, City Historian for a guided walk throughout the southeast section of the Cemetery.

Mann will discuss the history of the cemetery, interesting monuments and many of the families buried in this section of the cemetery.

Learn more and register at www.lincolnlibrary.info



Photo Credit: Lincoln Library

Around the community



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FREE SHUTTLE TO HISTORIC SITES

The Springfield Convention and Visitors Bureau has a free Saturday Shuttle allowing you to explore Lincoln's New Salem, The Lincoln Tomb, The IL State War memorials and the African American History Museum.

Learn more and reserve your spot at <https://bit.ly/3biMaqT>

D-DAY REMEMBRANCE CEREMONY

June 6, 2022, marked the 78th anniversary of D-Day. Mayor Jim Langfelder, and the President of the IL WWII Veterans Memorials held a ceremony in recognition of D-Day survivors and families.

On June 6, 1944, more than 160,000 Allied troops landed along a 50-mile stretch of heavily-fortified French coastline, to fight Nazi Germany on the beaches of Normandy, France.



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More than History...



MICHAEL LOSCHER

Sales and Projects Coordinator

DID YOU KNOW... you can purchase a tombstone/gravestone at Oak Ridge Cemetery?

Michael, our memorial designer and expert, has assisted hundreds of families in creating beautiful memorials to share with future generations forever.

Call 217.789.2340 or email michael.loscher@springfield.il.us to schedule your appointment.

DID YOU KNOW...

Oak Ridge has the only Public Mausoleum in Sangamon County?

This above ground, climate controlled environment gives families an entombment option.

Call 217.789.2340 or email michael.loscher@springfield.il.us to schedule your private tour today.



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Road Repairs

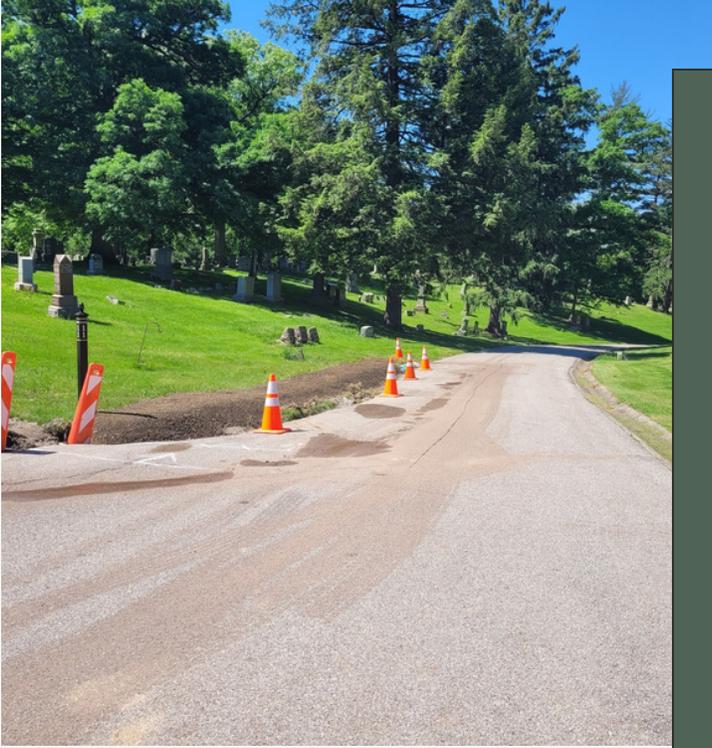


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BLOCK 11 SEWER REPAIR

Shout out to the Public Works Sewer Division for the sewer repair project in our historic section of the cemetery.

Oak Ridge is showing its age, as it recently celebrated its 166th birthday! We must keep this gem looking good and more importantly ensure the safety to all who visit.

PRESERVING HISTORY

Another job well done, by our Public Works Street Division!

This road repair was completed earlier this summer behind The Lincoln Tomb.

It is imperative that we continue to work together to maintain this one of a kind historic gem.



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Changes at Oak Ridge



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BOARD OF MANAGERS

On April 1, 2022, The Oak Ridge Board of Managers started meeting monthly at 10 a.m.

The board meets the 3rd Tuesday of every month at the Oak Ridge Cemetery Office. The meetings are open to the public.

The office is located at 1441 Monument Ave. Springfield, IL 62702.

Questions? Call our office at 217.789.2340

NEW RULES & REGS

Veterans Lawn Crypt Memorial Regulation

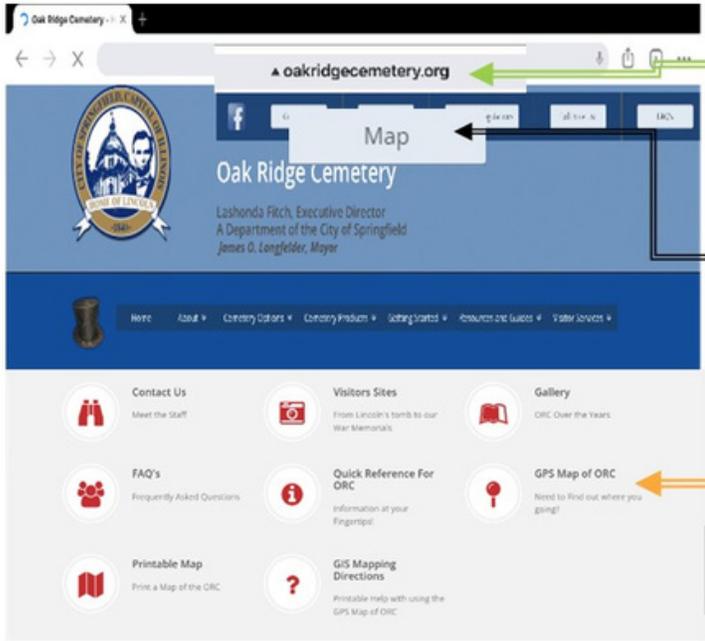
Effective May 1, 2022, the memorials in the Veterans lawn crypt section are required to be similar in shape, and size. All upright memorials shall be a standard shape, which includes a base and a die.

Call 217.789.2340 for more details or visit our website oakridgecemetery.org/rulesandregulations



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GPS Mapping at Oak Ridge Cemetery



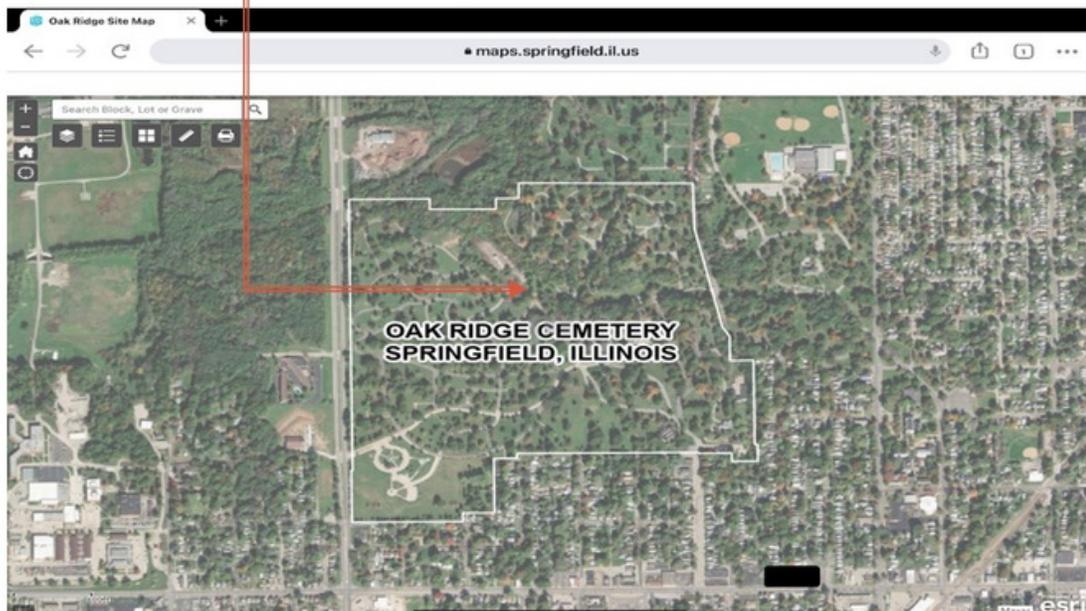
Step 1: Using a smartphone or tablet with GPS capabilities go to oakridgecemetery.org.

Step 2: You can use either the map at the top of the page (tablet only) or the GPS Map at the bottom of the page (bot :).

Step 3: Hit the OK button on the Oak Ridge Cemetery prompt.



Step 4: You will get an over view map of Oak Ridge Cemetery.



GPS MAPPING @ OAK RIDGE (CONT)

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Step 5: Insert the location with .or / or - to separate the location.

For example

Block 49 Lot 27 Grave 3 should be entered as **49.27.3** or **49/27/3** or **49-27-3**

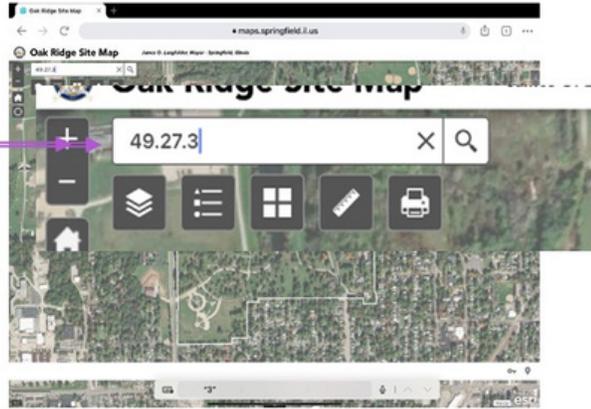
Or Single graves such as

Block 39 Section 7 Range 3 Grave 2 should be entered as

39.57.3.2 or **39/57/3/2** or **39-57-3-2**

to get to the correct location.

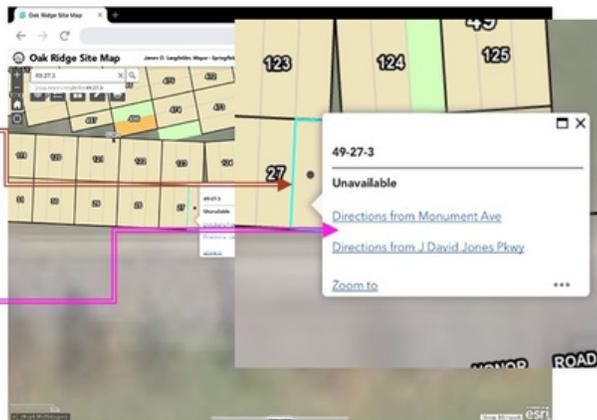
Step 6: Use the magnifying glass to look up location.



Location(s)

Step 7: Click on the location. Once you click on the location a turquoise box will appear around the grave.

Step 8: The pop up with links to driving directions will appear once you click on the grave space. Choose either the Monument Ave. entrance or the J. David Jones entrance directions and click on the link.



Step 9: Directions will appear on your screen. You will be able to follow these to the grave

